

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, BG  
SUBJ: BELBAGCO

REF: (A) STATE 141826, (B) DACCA 3268, (C) DACCA 3314

AT THE END OF A LONG CONVERSATION ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH PRESIDENT ZIA ON JUNE 17, I RAISED THE BELBAGCO ISSUE, SAYING I WAS SURE THE PRESIDENT WAS FAMILIAR WITH IT. HE WAS AND CLAIMED IT HAD BEEN SETTLED. I SAID NO AND RECITED OUR VARIOUS OFFERS AND THE LAMENTABLE DEMISE OF THE LAST ONE WHEN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES HAD VIRTUALLY CUT IT IN HALF BY CHANGING THE EXCHANGE RATE (REF B, C). THE PRESIDENT THEN RECITED TO ME ALL OF THE REASONS WHY IT SHOULD BE SETTLED, MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT PROBLEMS ON THEIR SIDE, AND ASKED ONE OF HIS ADVISERS PRESENT TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. ON MY WAY OUT OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE BUILDING I RAN INTO THE INDUSTRIES SECRETARY AND THOUGHT TO TELL HIM THAT I HAD JUST RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE DID NOT SEEM PERTURBED BY BY THIS AND TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE SENDING A PAPER ON THE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT.  
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